

ROOSEVELT FAVORS BUSSE IN CHICAGO

President Writes a Letter In-
dorsing Him for Mayor of
the Windy City.

CAMPAIGN IS RED HOT

Labor Vote Said to Be the Keynote
to the Situation at
Present.

DUNNE MAY SCORE A VICTORY

Fight Has Been One in Which
Vituperation and Violent Invec-
tive Have Played a Very
Large Part.

CHICAGO, April 1.—The republican leaders in the municipal campaign, now drawing to a close, expressed themselves as delighted with a letter printed in the Tribune of today in which the statement is made "by authority" that President Roosevelt is in favor of the election of Frederick C. Busse, the republican candidate for mayor. The democratic leaders assert that the letter, coming as it does from a paper which is strongly in favor of the election of Busse, is discredited in advance, and that even though it came from the President himself it is too late to stop the progress of the vote which has set in strongly for Dunne. Chairman W. L. O'Connell, the democratic campaign manager, said today that the re-election of Mayor Dunne is absolutely certain and nothing can now prevent it.

The campaign today took on a more lively aspect than at any time previous. All day band wagons were rolling throughout the city advertising political gatherings which were scheduled for all sections of the city and for all hours of the day between noon and midnight.

No new epithets were applied, for the reason that the supply had been about exhausted, but the old ones were, as usual, hurled back and forth. Chicago has never known a political campaign in which invective and vituperation have played so prominent a part.

The claims by the campaign managers are unchanged, each holding the election of his candidate by at least 20,000. Numerous straw votes have been taken by the papers which are favorable to Busse, and they show the election of the republican candidate by a plurality of anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000. The papers supporting Mayor Dunne have taken no straw vote.

Mayor Dunne spent the greater part of today in an automobile going to various parts of the city to see the people. He made many speeches, and was at all places received with enthusiasm by his followers. Mr. Busse, who has been confined to his apartment during the campaign because of injuries recently received in an accident on the Pennsylvania road, left his room today for the first time and received the prominent men of his party in his parlor. He and they expressed themselves as absolutely certain of coming success.

But the republicans, despite their claims, are in doubt. Though they have made two polls, they are in doubt over the swing of the green flag vote. Between, who was pressed into the fight in the last minutes, is in doubt. Though the socialists say that Dunne is the only one who can win, it is the majority of the 30,000 socialist votes will go for Dunne and in favor of his faction policy.

In making the canvass and estimates, Mayor Dunne has been credited with all the doubtful votes, including those of persons who could not be reached by canvassers and who were non-committal. It is expected that 90 per cent of the voters will go to the polls on Sunday. This would result in a total vote of 345,000, and it is upon this basis that the foregoing estimates are made.

To the 300,000 organized for Busse by business men in all parts of the city will be given much credit for his victory if he gets it.

A Big "Slush Fund."
William L. O'Connell, Mayor Dunne's manager, said last night that the "slush fund" on the democratic ticket will be elected by pluralities ranging from 25,000 to 35,000. Notwithstanding the fact that the united corporate interests of the city have been exerting their influence and contributing their money for the republican ticket, O'Connell believes that the honest, law-abiding, liberty-loving citizens of Chicago will elect Mayor Dunne and the other democratic candidates by the pluralities I have mentioned.

The republican managers intend to use the enormous "slush fund" they have gathered from certain sources in an effort to corrupt the voters on election day, but I feel confident that their efforts will be futile, as the people well know that the support of Mayor Dunne by certain corporations is due to his firm stand against corporate greed.

Mr. Dunne said: "From the thousands of letters I have received from citizens of all political faiths, and from the reports that come from every ward in the city of Chicago, I confidently believe that I will be re-elected by a plurality ranging at the least from 30,000 to 35,000."

Hearst Hurting Dunne.
The indications last night were that, though the mayor might win, his municipal ownership policy would be defeated. The ordinances granting the traction companies a franchise for twenty years on condition that the city receives 5 per cent of the net receipts, and can take over the traction companies at any time upon payment of \$20,000,000 and other sums expended in the franchise will meet with public approval.

The police department is working as a unit for the mayor. Several democratic aldermen who control the situation in their respective wards are not working for Dunne because Hearst has caused independence League men to be intimidated against them. In the first ward "Hinky Dink" Keena is fighting Hearst, and in the eighth ward John H. Brown is doing the same. Both wards are heavily democratic but it is not expected that the mayor will get the full democratic strength.

WINTER IN GOTHAM.

Rain, Snow and Sleet Make It Unpleasant Today.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
NEW YORK, April 1.—Spring got a setback today that buried it beneath snow and

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rain. The thermometer went down and the cold wind came back until old winter seemed to be here again.
It was not an April fool joke, either. It was a young storm, and the weather bureau was not exactly certain whether it would die in its youth or stay and grow up to robust stormhood, though indications that it would be fair and warmer were found by the sky artists up there somewhere.
The early morning brought with it a combination that was March-like, and savored little of gentle April. There was first a goodly fall of rain, which had hardly settled well in puddles about the city when snow drifted down.
It was not all snow, but was mixed with rain, and at times was a fair imitation of sleet.
Easter weather was had enough yesterday, with threatening clouds and chilly winds and no sunshine, but today is worse and more of it.

EARTHQUAKE AT BITLIS.

Report of Loss of Life—Twenty-Five Feet of Snow.
CONSTANTINOPLE, April 1.—The report that a severe earthquake accompanied by loss of life has occurred at Bitlis, Turkish Armenia, appears to be confirmed, but the number of deaths is unknown.

According to advices received in New York from W. W. Peet, treasurer of the American mission at Constantinople, the Americans and their people in the missions at Bitlis have been rendered homeless, the snow in the vicinity being twenty-five feet deep. Assistance was urgently requested.
According to the records available, the Rev. Royal M. Cole, Lizzie Cole, Dr. H. C. Underwood, Charlotte E. Ely and Mary A. C. Ely of Eastern Turkey mission are at Bitlis and Miss Nellie A. Cole, who had not been appointed a missionary, was working in co-operation with the missionaries of the American board.
The station at Bitlis was established in 1859.

THE SALMON BANK FAILURE.

Case at Warsaw, Mo., Goes to Jury Soon.
WARSAW, Mo., April 1.—The case of Maj. Harvey W. Salmon, one of the owners of the private bank of Salmon & Salmon, which failed at Clinton on June 21, 1905, with liabilities of \$1,000,000, will, it is expected, be given to the jury late today.

Major Salmon, with his brother, Dr. Y. G. Salmon, and Dr. Salmon's son, Frank, were indicted on charges of grand larceny for receiving deposits when the bank was insolvent. Dr. Salmon and Frank Salmon are yet to be tried.

ALLEGED MURDERER HELD.

Vermont Man Locked Up Charged With Killing Wife.
NEWPORT, Vt., April 1.—Dwight Niles of Newport, for whom the authorities had been searching since Saturday night, when he is alleged to have shot and killed his wife, was arrested at Richford today and placed in the local lockup. Shortly afterward he cut his throat with a jack knife, but it is believed that the wound will not prove serious.

Niles is said to have shot his wife after she had refused to return to live with him following a separation, disappeared immediately after the shooting. He headed for the Canadian line and yesterday boarded a freight train on the Canadian Pacific railroad bound for Montreal. The conductor had heard of the murder and becoming suspicious when the train reached Richford notified the authorities.

COUNT LAMSDORFF'S FUNERAL.

Czar's Ex-Minister Buried at St. Petersburg Today.
ST. PETERSBURG, April 1.—The funeral of Count Lamsdorff, ex-minister of foreign affairs, who died at San Remo, Italy, March 19, took place here this morning and was attended by many prominent persons, including all the ministers, with the exception of Premier Stolypin and the members of the diplomatic corps, among whom were the American ambassador, Mr. Riddle; Secretary Miles and Major Gibson, the military attaché.

ACTOR MANSFIELD WEAKER.

Passed Restless Night and Not So Well Today.
NEW YORK, April 1.—Richard Mansfield, the actor, who has been seriously ill for several days, was not so well today. He passed a restless night, it was said at his residence, and much weaker this morning. A consultation of physicians will be held late today.

TRAGEDY AT PORTLAND.

Oregon Man Killed His Sweetheart and Shot Himself.
PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—Rendered insane by jealousy at the sight of his sweetheart in company with another man, Royce James, son of the superintendent of the Oregon penitentiary, late last night shot and killed Miss Grace N. Disney of Warren, Ore., and then shot himself in the head. He will die.

Woman Found Murdered.

NEW YORK, April 1.—The lifeless body of Mrs. Marie Trepi, aged twenty-four, an Italian, was found today lying in the hallway of her apartment in Union street, Brooklyn. Her throat was cut, and a bloody carving knife with which the murder was done lay beside her. A man's hat, said to belong to her father, Antonio Lancia, who occupied another tenement in the same building, was found nearby. Lancia could not be found. His son Arthur said that Lancia and his daughter quarreled today over money. On learning of his sister's death the boy took a big knife and started in search of his father.

Opera Manager Strine Ill.

BOSTON, Mass., April 1.—Charles W. Strine, manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, is at a hospital in this city dangerously ill with appendicitis. Mr. Strine was taken ill last Wednesday night and on Thursday he was operated on. He has failed to rally from the operation and his condition was reported at the hospital this noon as "extremely critical."

Maher on Winning Mount.

LONDON, April 1.—"Danny" Maher, the American jockey, at the Kempton Park meeting today, won the Queen's prize of 1,000 sovereigns, the principal race of the day, on Lord Derby's *Principe de Canby*. The event is for three-year-olds and upward. Distance, one mile and a half.

Death of E. W. Bosworth.

Maj. Gen. Wood at Manila has notified the War Department that E. W. Bosworth, Company A, 16th Infantry, died of heart disease on the 21st ultimo.



DO NOT FAVOR STRIKE

Employees Want to Accept Offer of the Companies.
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RAILROADS ANNOUNCE CANVASS

Officials Assert That Rank and File of Men Don't Want to Go Out.
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Knapp is Hopeful.

Chairman Knapp said today: "There is nothing that I can say now, and I will not have anything to say until the matter has been definitely arranged, or until I am certain that my efforts can produce no further results for good. The situation is not hopeless, and I feel encouraged, but that is all that I can say now. I do not mean that an agreement is certain, but that something may yet be done."

Announced Secret Canvass.

Railroads yesterday announced a secret canvass just completed among their employees, showing a strong sentiment against calling a big strike and in favor of accepting the wage offer of the roads. The announcement was made to the federal commissioners who are attempting to bring about a settlement of the dispute. It may have an important bearing on the peace negotiations.

THE PHILADELPHIA MAYORALTY

Reyburn Succeeded Weaver at Noon Today—Stormy Term.
PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—John Weaver today completed his four years as mayor of Philadelphia, a term that was as stormy as any administration in the history of the city. He was succeeded at noon by John E. Reyburn, who resigned his seat in Congress. With the expiration of Mayor Weaver's term the republican organization, which was in complete control of municipal affairs until two years ago, when it was defeated in a memorable fight over the leasing of the gas works, again comes into full power. Mayor Reyburn was elected on a straight party ticket and the members of his cabinet are strict party men. Both branches of city councils reorganized by electing as their presiding officers and other employees men who are prominently identified with the republican organization. The reform organization which fought the regular republicans, is stronger, however, than it has been in years, but not enough so as to control or direct legislation.

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THREAT FROM VOLIVA

RESENTS CRITICISM AND ISSUES AN ULTIMATUM.
CHICAGO, April 1.—Wilbur Glen Voliva issued an ultimatum in Zion City yesterday. Unless the people submit to him on May 1, he will take radical action himself, he said.

Voliva denounced every one who has opposed him. He took as the occasion for his ultimatum the anniversary of the election of John Alexander Dowle from the church, having expelled the late leader one year ago yesterday.

"I say to you, officers and people, that one month more I will give you," he said. "On May 1, if you do not make a radical move, I shall make one to put a stop to this criticism of me."

He then recited his own deeds, claiming he had made Zion what it was. He also said he would make the community the wonder of the age and set it strongly on its feet finally. Of the 1,500 persons present, 1,200 said they would follow him. He launched into a denunciation of those who would not submit to him, and said that while he would consider the advice of his counsel, he would do as he saw fit and continue the one-man rule.

REAR ADMIRAL DAYTON

Today Assumed Command of the Asiatic Fleet.
A cablegram was received at the Navy Department today saying that Rear Admiral James H. Dayton, heretofore in command of the Philippine squadron, today assumed command of the United States Asiatic fleet as the relief of Rear Admiral Willard H. Brownson, who has been ordered to this city to relieve Rear Admiral George H. Converse, retired, as chief of the bureau of navigation, Navy Department.

Admiral Dayton is now at the naval station Cavite, and is using the auxiliary cruiser Rainbow as his flagship. The armored cruiser West Virginia, which was the flagship of Admiral Brownson, is now on her way from Japanese waters to Cavite. On her arrival there Admiral Dayton will transfer his flag from the Rainbow to the West Virginia.

Admiral Brownson has arranged to sail from Yokohama on the 13th instant for San Francisco, where he is due on the 30th instant. Although no date has been fixed, it is expected he will assume his new duties at the Navy Department about the 15th of May.

SECRETARY METCALF'S RETURN.

He and Party Inspected Certain Naval Stations.
Secretary Metcalf returned to this city today from his visit of inspection to the naval stations at Charleston, S. C.; Guantanamo, Cuba, and San Juan, P. R., on which trip he was accompanied by Senators Hale, Penrose and Carter and Mr. C. C. Glover of this city. The party made the trip on the U. S. S. Dolphin, and in addition to the places named made short stops at Havana, Kingston, Jamaica and Nassau, Bahamas. The party disembarked from the Dolphin at Charleston yesterday morning and made the journey to this city by rail.

Capt. Swift's Court-Martial.

The court-martial case of Capt. William Swift, commanding the battleship Connecticut, will be acted on by Secretary Metcalf and not by Assistant Secretary Newberry, to whom it was first submitted. It is now rumored that Capt. Swift is likely to be relieved of his command, but whether as a consequence of the court-martial proceedings or for some other reason is not stated.

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NO BREAK IN PROGRAM

Egg-Rolling at White House and in the Parks.
DESPITE THE CONDITIONS
Weather Cool and Ground Damp From Recent Rains.
VIEWED BY MANY TOURISTS
Confident Belief That the President Was to Make a Speech—
Day's Incidents.

When the gates to the White House grounds were opened for the children this morning the wind was raw and the green hills exhibited the beautiful freshness of wet grass after a rain.

"You don't suppose the children will think of coming on a day like this, do you?" asked one of a batch of tourists to the policeman who stood between them and the grounds.

The policeman was a wise man. He looked up at the sky where the rumpled gray clouds were giving way to a sweep of serene blue.

"And they'll come," he said.

The first flock of youngsters was of boys, each with his pocket bulging with eggs, and not a basket among them. As soon as they were inside the gate they began a five-cornered game of tossing, the eggs flying through the air in streaks of scarlet, blue and green.

By 1 o'clock the sun was shining and the green hills of the White House were abloom with children who rolled eggs to their hearts' content, regardless of the damp ground. Almost every flock of youngsters included one or more grown persons, who were good-humoredly interested in the game of the children of their respective households.

Every Easter Monday outing happened every minute in the day.

One pretty picture was made up of a policeman with a kindly face, who held by the hand a tiny girl that had lost her sister and was crying as if her heart would break. Another was made from a gentleman and a scrap of a lad who came down one of the paths followed by a large tan dog. The dog had a butterfly bow of blue satin on its collar, and trotted sedately in the track of his master, in his mouth having a basket of a basket heaped with colored eggs.

Wins Every Time.

One of the most picturesque midgets in a crowd of neatly dressed children was a coffee-colored boy with shiny eyes and teeth, who picked eggs, right and left, winning every time. He accounted for his prodigious luck by explaining that he boiled his eggs in "hard water." And the rich, untutored music of his laughter at his own wit was a pleasing thing to hear.

One little girl seemed too shy to avail herself of her right to roll eggs on a hill already pre-empted by others.

"You can come on, Emma," I coaxed another. "You do like to see me, don't you?" "You like to see me, don't you?" "Mamma, mamma, mamma, I want to see you!"

An over-dressed little creature, who had invaded the grounds in all the pomp and glory of a pink silk frock and big flower hat, was openly ridiculed by a flock of feminine critics of her own age.

"Look at Miss Stuck-up! Won't you! Ain't got no more sense 'n' to roll eggs in her best clothes. Yah, yah! I'm going to hit that hat with an egg!"

But the miss that had threatened didn't throw the egg. She just scampered off with her crowd, laughing, and forgot all about the unfortunate fine one. The child showed that she resented the attack, for her face flamed and she drew her small brother after her down the path.

The children, generally, were dressed comfortably and acted sensibly. A person who passed through the grounds at noon saw but four persons sitting on the grass. One was a man and the other three were women. Each child carried a basket of eggs, and many Teddy bears were in evidence.

dence. Many of those in charge of little ones remained on the grounds but a short time on account of the cold and dampness. About noon a crowd gathered about a tiny boy in knee pants and a red cap who had fainted and was stretched out on the grass. His cheeks retained their pinkness, and when he was picked up he opened his eyes, smiling blue. Officers had him carried for.

At 1 o'clock the gates were closed for the day. Mrs. Roosevelt and her children from the south windows of the White House were interested observers of the gathering and of the pushing of chairs.

A crowd gathered near the White House waiting for the President to come out and "make a speech." It was impossible for the policemen to make them understand that they were waiting on the wet grass for nothing.

Demand a Guarantee.

"Well, we've had a tip that Mr. Roosevelt will come out and speak. Can you guarantee that he will not?" The policeman simply answered that it was not customary—and so the crowd waited on.

"It's a smaller crowd than we've had in several years," said one guardian of the gates, but still everything is going on nicely, and I never saw so many hurriers wanting to get in. All of them think this Easter egg day in the White House grounds is a fine thing."

Engineer Band Supplies Music.

As previously announced the United States Engineer Band from Washington barracks supplied the music on the White House grounds, giving the following program:

March—"Soldiers' Band".....Von Blon
Waltz—"Golden Stairs".....Hofman
Selection—"The Isle of Spices".....Becker
Trio—"The Turtle Dove".....Barnes
Selection—"Faint".....Gould
Intermezzo—"Golden Horn".....Gould
Overture—"Toot and Peasant".....Suppe
Waltz—"Blue Bird".....Hofman
Morceau Characteristic—"Vision".....Von Blon
Selection—"The Office Boy".....Becker
Medley—"1860".....Gavin
"The Star Spangled Banner."

At the Zoo Park.

The Zoological Park was the scene today of a large gathering of children, who were accompanied by their parents, older brothers and sisters and nurses. Long before noon the little folk with their protectors came with their tiny baskets of eggs and dotted the lawns about the buildings of the park. The egg rolling and other forms of pastime so dear to the youth of Washington at this season of the year were indulged in. At this time Superintendent Baker of the park turns the lawns over to the wee folk, and today they were seen from all parts of the city. Many who live in the suburban sections of the north-west far from the White House grounds came to the Zoo Park, and under watchful eyes of the park police, they passed the time happily.

Numbers of small boys gathered upon the lawn to the east of the animal house and began a game of base ball shortly before 2 o'clock, while their sisters rolled eggs and played games.

After the close of the games at the White House grounds many of the children went for a walk in the park, and came to the Zoo Park, where they continued the pleasure begun earlier in the day. It was stated at the park this afternoon that the children on the grounds numbered only about one-half the number that generally attends the egg rolling.

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THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE

Will Conclude Its Labors at Midnight Tonight.
DENVER, Col., April 1.—The sixth general assembly of Colorado will complete its labors at midnight tonight. Considerable important legislation has been enacted. Of chief importance is the bill for the disposal of the warrants issued to settle the claims growing out of the military operations in the mining sections during the strike, three years ago, and the payment of the indebtedness given during several administrations of the state back as far as 1874.

A constitutional amendment will be voted on in November, 1908, authorizing the payment of the latter, and a commission will be appointed to study the matter.

The legislature has made a record for appropriations, the total reaching nearly \$5,000,000, exceeding any previous legislative session.

Among the other important bills passed are the railway commission bill, which provides for the regulation of rates, etc.; the insurance bill, which places the supervision of insurance companies under the control of the state; the pure food bill, the anti-fusion bill, which does away with fusion with other parties in campaigns; the local option measure, and the banking bill, the latter provides for a state bank examiner.

TUG RUN DOWN AND SUNK.

Two Men Believed to Have Been Drowned in Collision.
NEW YORK, April 1.—Two men are believed to have lost their lives in a collision in the North river early today, when the tug John D. Dailey was run down and sunk by the ferryboat Musconcong of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company. Four members of the tug's crew were saved after jumping overboard, but they suffered severely from exposure and were taken to a hospital.

The men unaccounted for are: John Shanahan, first officer, and a deckhand named McDevitt. Capt. William Healy and First Engineer John Cronin also are missing, but it is thought they were not on board the tugboat at the time of the accident. The ferryboat was not damaged.

Bishop Granbery's Dropped Dead.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
RICHMOND, Va., April 1.—Bishop John C. Granbery of the Methodist Church in South dropped dead in the street at Ashland this morning. He went to the post office to get his mail and was returning home. He was seventy-six years old, and was made a bishop in 1882.

Ran to Girl's Rescue and Was Killed.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 1.—Charles L. Stanley, a commercial traveler, was killed here last night by Wesley Christopher. Christopher is alleged to have assaulted a young woman in an alley. When Stanley heard the girl's screams he ran to her rescue and was shot in the heart. Christopher was arrested.

Sergeant Griffin Sentenced.

CHICAGO, April 1.—Sergeant John A. Griffin of Troop L, 6th Cavalry, who last Christmas day shot and killed Corporal Taylor of the same troop at Fort Sheridan, near this city, was today sentenced in the federal court to a term of nine years and seven months in the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Weather.

Partly cloudy and colder tonight; temperature below freezing; tomorrow partly cloudy.

RESTATES HIS VIEWS AS TO THE RAILWAYS

The President Points Out the
Need of Federal Regulation.

QUOTES FROM HIS MESSAGES

Disclaims Any Hostility to Corporations.
EVILS OF OVER-CAPITALIZATION
Declares That It is a Subject Which
Should Be Given Consideration by Congress.

As has been thought probable for some weeks, the President has decided to give a public statement of his views on federal regulation of railway corporations. As he remarks, his views have gone through no change, and he merely collates and reiterates some of his more significant and clearly defined expressions. He again voices his desire for a square deal for all—railways, shippers and the public. He disclaims hostility to corporations and declares that "we should recognize in cordial and ample fashion the immense good effected by corporate agencies." He asserts: "The corporation has come to stay, just as the trade union has come to stay."

President Roosevelt has decided not to accept the invitation of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association to deliver a speech at Springfield, Ill., on the railroad situation. He addressed a letter yesterday to C. H. Smith, president of the association, stating that it would be impossible for him to accept its invitation, extended last week, because he did not feel that he had anything to say at this time in a special address on this special subject.

Many Requests for a Statement.
The President has received a great number of requests for a statement by him, or a speech to be made by him, in connection with the railway situation. He has given these requests the utmost weight and most careful consideration. After fully looking into the matter the President informed his advisers that he had come to the conclusion that there was nothing new which he had to say at this moment on the railway situation; that he did not deem it either wise or proper to say anything with a view to any immediate action in Wall street, and that as he should only give expression to the definite and settled policy to be carried out wholly without regard to the exigencies of the moment, and as his views on the policy in question were already a matter of record, it did not seem necessary at this time to repeat them.

To the different men, friendly and unfriendly, who have visited him or written to him he has answered, orally or in writing, that his words and acts spoke for themselves and needed no explanations whatever and that he should not in his future course devote one hand's breadth from the course he had pursued in the past and was now pursuing.

The statement was made from an authoritative source today that "even a most cursory examination of what the President has repeatedly said in speech and message will show the utter nonsense of supposing the government has the slightest intention to take any action which would 'invalidate the safety and stability of the railway securities' of the President," having been produced again and again as one to insure the future against the mistakes and delinquencies of the past. The President holds that every executive action taken under his administration, whether by the Department of Justice or by the Interstate commerce commission, has furnished its own ample justification.

It can be stated on authority that the President again will ask Congress, at its next session, for power to deal with the question of over-capitalization of railroads. A similar request was made at the last session, but favorable action was not taken upon it.

In a letter to Mr. Smith the President inclosed copies of the speech he made at Raleigh, N. C., October 19, 1905, and the one he delivered before a delegation of railway employees in this city on November 14, 1905, together with his latest messages to Congress at the beginning of the last session and the sessions of the last Congress. The President closed his letter to Mr. Smith as follows:

"You will see in the two speeches and the two messages that I have said about all that I would say if I spoke now. As I said to your body the other day, I have already expressed again and again my carefully-thought-out beliefs. I am more firmly than ever convinced that these beliefs are wise and that the policy I recommended in my messages and in the opening of my last regular sessions of Congress must be carried out. Just at the moment I do not see that I have much to add to what I have already said, and I think that what has occurred since I wrote the two messages in question merely illustrates in striking fashion the desirability of the course I therein outlined."

The portions of his speeches and messages which the President marked are as follows: